

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A distribution content creating apparatus comprising:
~~a content storage part operable to store means for storing content bodies;~~
~~a distribution content creating part operable to create means for creating a~~
distribution content by reading a content body from said content storage ~~part means~~ and
providing the read content body with a use condition; and
~~a distribution content storage part operable to store means for storing the~~
distribution content created by said distribution content creating ~~means, part~~; wherein:
~~said distribution content creating part means includes a management data editing~~
~~part operable to edit means for editing management data for at least one specific section~~
~~of the read content body indicating the use condition of the specific section; indicating~~
~~the use condition effective to a specific section of the read content body, and~~
~~said distribution content creating part is further operable to create means creates~~
the distribution content by providing the content body with ~~a plurality of at least one~~
~~piece pieces of management data edited by the said management data editing means part~~
~~and with management track data which defines, as a management track, a collection of at~~
~~least one management data selected from the plurality of pieces of management data; and~~
~~a plurality of management tracks are defined in the distribution content~~
~~corresponding to a plurality of different uses of the content body, and the plurality of~~
~~different uses are different in terms of at least one of a reproduction section of the content~~
~~body and a reproduction condition of the content body.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The distribution content creating apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the use condition indicated by ~~said the~~ management data prohibits use
of the section specified by the management data, allows the use of the section specified
by the management data for free, or allows the use of the section specified by the
management data in return for payment of a predetermined fee.

3. . . (Currently Amended) The distribution content creating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein saidthe management data further indicates a replay order of the section specified by the management data.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The distribution content creating apparatus according to claim-4_1, further comprising:

a character input part operable to supply means for supplying a character input to said distribution content creating unit; and

GUI input part operable to supply means for supplying a GUI input to said distribution content creating unit;; wherein:

said management data editing part is further operable to make means makes a GUI screen be displayed, the GUI screen including a plurality of management tracks provided along a time axis;

said management data editing part is further operable to edit means edits the management data of the specific section by receiving, through said character input means part, a start time and an end time for defining the specific section of saidthe content body on the time axis, and the use condition for the predetermined purpose one of the plurality of different uses; and

said management data editing means places part is further operable to place, based on the edited management data, a bar on the management track corresponding to the purposes one of the plurality of different uses in saidthe GUI screen.

6. (Currently Amended) The distribution content creating apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said distribution content creating meanspart further includes a management data storage part operable to store means for storing the management data edited by said management data editing meanspart.

7. (Currently Amended) The distribution content creating apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

· said management data editing part is further operable to read means reads the management data previously edited from said management data storage means part, and places to place, based on the read management data, a bar on the management track in said the GUI screen, and

 said management data editing part is further operable to edit means edits the management data by moving one at least one end and/or the other end of the bar along the time axis through an operation by said GUI input means part.

8. (Currently Amended) The distribution content creating apparatus according to claim 4 1, wherein said distribution content creating part means further includes a replay part operable to read means for reading the distribution content from said distribution content storage part means and to replay replaying, based on the said management data, the specific section of the said content body.

9. (Currently Amended) The distribution content creating apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said replay part is further operable to select means selects one of the plurality of pieces of management track data included in the read distribution content and, based on at least one piece of the management data included in the management track defined by the management track data, and to replay replays at least one specific section of said the content body.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of creating a distribution content including a content body provided with a use condition, said method comprising:

 a step of storing content bodies;

 a step of creating a distribution content by reading a content body stored in said content body storing step storing of the content bodies and providing the read content body with the use condition; and

 a step of storing the distribution content created in said creating of the distribution content; distribution content creating step,

 wherein in said distribution content creating step, of the distribution content

management data for at least one specific section of the read content body indicating the use condition of the specific section indicating the use condition for a specific section of the content body is edited, and

the distribution content is created by providing the read content body with a plurality of pieces at least one piece of the edited management data; and with management track data which defines, as a management track, a collection of at least one of the management data selected from the plurality of pieces of management data; and

wherein a plurality of management tracks are defined in the distribution content corresponding to a plurality of different uses of the content body, and the plurality of different uses are different in terms of at least one of a reproduction section of the content body and a reproduction condition of the content body.

11. (Currently Amended) A content distribution system comprising:
 - a distribution content creating apparatus operable to create for creating a distribution content including a content body provided with a use condition;
 - a distributing apparatus operable to distribute for distributing the distribution content created by said distribution content creating apparatus; and
 - a terminal operable to receive for receiving and using the distribution content distributed by said distributing apparatus;

wherein said distribution content creating apparatus includes:

 - a content storage part operable to store means for storing content bodies;
 - a distribution content creating part operable to create means for creating the distribution content by reading a content body from said content storage part means and providing the read content body with the use condition; and
 - a first distribution content storage part operable to store means for storing the distribution content created by said distribution content creating means part;
 - wherein said distribution content creating part means includes a management data editing part operable to edit means for editing management data for at least one specific section of the read content body indicating the use condition of the specific section; indicating the use condition for a specific section of the content body,

wherein said distribution content creating part is further operable to create means creates the distribution content by providing the content body with a plurality of pieces at least one piece of the management data edited by the said management data editing means part, and with management track data which defines, as a management track, a collection of at least one management data selected from the plurality of pieces of management data;

wherein a plurality of management tracks are defined in the distribution content corresponding to a plurality of different uses of the content body, and the plurality of different uses are different in terms of at least one of a reproduction section of the content body and a reproduction condition of the content body; and

wherein said terminal includes:

a receiving part operable to receive means for receiving the distribution content distributed by said distributing apparatus;

a second distribution content storage part operable to store means for storing the distribution content received by said receiving means part; and

replay part operable to read means for reading the distribution content from said second distribution content storage means part, and replaying, based on said management data, the specific section of said content body to select one of the plurality of management tracks included in the distribution content stored in said second distribution content storage part according to one of the plurality of different uses, and to replay, according to the selected management track, the specific section of the content body.

12. (Currently Amended) A terminal for receiving a distribution content including a content body, and a plurality of pieces of management data respectively indicating a use condition which is effective to a specific section of the content body, and the plurality of pieces of management data having management track data which defines as a management track a collection of at least one management data selected from the plurality of pieces of management data, wherein a plurality of management tracks are defined in the distribution content corresponding to a plurality of different uses of the content body, and the plurality of different uses are different in terms of at least one of a

reproduction section of the content body and a reproduction condition, and using a distribution content including a content body, and management data indicating a use condition for a specific section of the content body, said terminal comprising:

a receiving part operable to receive means for receiving said the distribution content;

a distribution content storage part operable to store means for storing the distribution content received by said receiving partmeans; and

a replay part operable to read means for reading the distribution content from said distribution content storage means part, and replaying, based on said management data, the specific section of said content body to select one of the plurality of management tracks included in the distribution content stored in said distribution content storage part according to one of the plurality of different uses, and to replay, according to the selected management track, the specific section of the content body.

13. (Currently Amended) The terminal according to claim 12, wherein:

the use condition indicated by said the management data prohibits the use of the section specified by the management data, allows the use of the section specified by the management data for free, or allows the use of the section specified by the management data in return for payment of a predetermined fee;

said terminal further comprises a billing part operable to means for billing charge a fee based on said the management data; and

said replay part is operable to replay the section when the use condition allows the use of the section for free, said replay means replays the section, and said replay part is operable to replay the section after said billing part charges the fee when the use condition allows the use of the section in return for payment of the predetermined fee, the replay means replays the section after said billing means charges the fee.

14. (Currently Amended) The terminal according to claim 12, wherein

said the management data further indicates a replay order of the section specified by the management data, and

..... said replay part means replays is operable to replay at least one section specified by the management data in the replay order indicated by the management data.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A distribution content in which an arrangement of information is contained and which is embodied in a processor readable memory, said distribution content comprising:

a content body; and

at least one piece of management data, wherein each for at least one specific section of the read content body and indicating the use condition of the specific section; and

management track data which defines, as a management track, a collection of at least one management data selected from a plurality of pieces of the management data;

wherein a plurality of management tracks are defined in the distribution content corresponding to a plurality of different uses of the content body, and the plurality of different uses are different in terms of at least one of a reproduction section of the content body and a reproduction condition of the content body. said management data indicates a use condition for a specific section of said content body

17. (Currently Amended) The distribution content according to claim 16, wherein the use condition indicated by said the management data prohibits the use of the section specified by the management data, allows the use of the section specified by the management data for free, or allows the use of the section specified by the management data in return for payment of a predetermined fee.

18. (Currently Amended) The distribution content according to claim 16, wherein said the management data further indicates a replay order of the section specified by the management data.

19. (Cancelled)